

I want to just finally thank Senators TESTER, FISCHER, and SULLIVAN, who also worked on Essential Air Service and infrastructure financing improvements to make sure that our airports in rural communities continue to grow, and thank Senators PETERS, BALDWIN, and WARNOCK for championing additional Federal resources to help airports dispose of harmful chemicals and replace them for firefighters.

My colleague from Texas mentioned the great investments in next-generation technology. Thanks to Senators HICKENLOOPER, ROSEN, MORAN, THUNE, YOUNG, WARNER, and WICKER for advancing drone technology so that the United States can compete on a world stage and for providing next-generation research for companies like Universal Hydrogen and ZeroAvia, which are making great products.

Also thanks to Senators THUNE and WARNER—our colleague from Virginia—for the creation of a regulatory path for drones to operate beyond the visual line of sight. That means, yes, we are going to move forward on how drones are going to start delivering home products to us. I thank them for their hard work.

I thank Senator ROSEN for her hard work on a grant program so that States and local governments are using U.S.-manufactured drones in repairing and fixing critical infrastructure.

And I thank Senator BLACKBURN for her leadership on ensuring that the FAA is not funneling any drone funding to American adversaries.

The Presiding Officer was part of this process. I thank him for his leadership, certainly for expanding capacity at airports and getting more flights, but also for his great contributions, as I mentioned in this legislation, on PFAS and many other things.

This was a committee process. It really was the way the Senate is supposed to work. It really was bipartisan and bicameral, and lots of people got their issues addressed. They got their issues addressed because we had great staff who were willing to accommodate and work hard and implement those legislative ideas.

So I want to thank from our team the staff director of the Commerce Committee, Lila Helms; our general counsel, Melissa Porter; Rachel Devine, who literally came back about 6 or 7 months ago to rejoin the Congress, and, literally, we would not have this bill today if Rachel Devine had not rejoined the effort to work on the Hill. So I thank Rachel for her hard work and dedication.

I want to thank Alex Simpson and GiGi Slais. GiGi has been at this for so long, working under many people, and she knows every detail of this bill, and I so appreciate it.

Doug Anderson, Lucia Mastrangelo, our current Samya Rose Stumo National Air Grant fellow Amber Willitt, Tricia Enright, Ansley Lacitis, Jami Burgess, Maurie Mueller, and Drew Hammill.

I certainly want to thank Meghan Taira, from Senator SCHUMER's office, for helping us through many phases of this.

I want to thank our former staffer Ronce Almond and detailee from the FAA's Office of Airports, Rob Hawks, and our first Samya Rose Stumo fellow, who is now over at the FAA, Rukia Hassoun, for their hard work on this legislation.

I also want to thank Senator CRUZ's team because, in all of these negotiations, it was critical to not only have a great understanding of FAA issues but of our colleagues and their priorities in continuing. I am not saying the Republicans came up with more amendments, but it certainly felt like that for a long time. It felt like they all had a lot of them. We had a pilot on our side, and they had a few pilots on their side. We processed a lot of amendments.

So I, too, want to thank Brad Grantz, Nicole Christus, Simone Perez, Andrew Miller, Matt Swint, Hannah Hagen, and Liam McKenna for their work and, of course, Matt Weisman and Ben Rhodeside from Senator DUCKWORTH's team, and Lauren Bates from Senator MORAN's.

This is a big moment in aviation. We have been through a lot. We have been through a COVID crisis and having to manage our aviation system while we were in that crisis and coming out of the COVID crisis when we may not have had everything correct in the order of how to keep flights and regain the capacity where we were. We certainly know that we have had safety issues and concerns so that we needed to make a big investment. This legislation is that investment in safety standards, in protecting consumers, and in advancing a workforce and technology that will allow the United States to be the gold standard in aviation.

I thank my colleagues.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. CANTWELL). Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I was unavailable for rollcall vote No.

162, on passage of Calendar No. 211, H.R. 3935, an act to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, as amended. Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. KELLY. Mr. President, on April 30, 2024, I missed vote No. 155, which was Motion to Invoke Cloture on Georgia N. Alexakis to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted yea. On May 2, 2024, I missed vote No. 156, which was confirmation of Georgia N. Alexakis to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. Had I been in attendance I would have voted yea. On May 2, 2024, I missed vote No. 157, Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3935. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted yea. On May 3, 2024, I missed vote No. 158, which was on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3935. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted yea.

TRIBUTE TO JULIANNE BEECH

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Julianne Beech for her hard work as an intern in my office in Cheyenne, WY. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Julianne is a native of Cheyenne. She is a freshman at Laramie County Community College, where she studies political science and international studies, with a minor in international relations and comparative politics. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Julianne for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.

TRIBUTE TO REESE DAVIES

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Reese for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Reese is a native of Laramie. He attends The University of Wyoming, where he studies international studies and political science. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Reese for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO GEORGETTE "GIGI" GODWIN

• Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, I rise today to honor Georgette "Gigi" Godwin, president and chief executive officer, for her nearly two decades of leadership in service to Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Godwin's extensive experience in government, business, and nonprofits has been a tremendous asset to the chamber and to the broader Montgomery County community. Ms. Godwin has been a tireless advocate for the greater metropolitan area's business community. She has successfully championed policies that promote economic growth and job creation and has fostered strong partnerships with elected leaders and stakeholders in her community and across the country.

Through her leadership, the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce created the National Veteran Institute for Procurement, a free technical training program that has graduated roughly 2,500 veteran-owned businesses from all 50 United States and territories, and the GovConNet Council, which advocates for small business Federal Government contractors, and spearheaded the Small Business Runway Extension Act.

Ms. Godwin's organization has been a go-to thought leader for both the Senate and House Small Business Committees, and I am proud to have been able to observe the advocacy of this fine organization firsthand.

Her dedication is not limited to office hours. Throughout her career, she has served on committees and on the boards of numerous organizations, demonstrating her dedication to public service. These organizations include the Montgomery College's board of trustees, the Montgomery County Business Roundtable on Education, Committee for Montgomery, the Montgomery County Executive's business advisory board, and Imagination Stage.

In conclusion, I extend my gratitude to Gigi Godwin for her outstanding leadership and her many contributions to not only Montgomery County, MD, but to servicemembers and business leaders across the country. She is a true champion for every group she touches, and we are all grateful for her service and dedication.●

TRIBUTE TO JOSHUA MANDELL

• Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I rise today to recognize the exemplary work of local educator and mentor

Joshua Mandell, a teacher at Granada Hills Charter High School—GHCHS—in Granada Hills, CA.

A Bay Area-native, Mr. Mandell holds a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in educational technology from the California State University, Northridge; a California Single Subject Credential in English and social science; and a Crosscultural, Language, and Academic Development—CLAD—Certificate.

Across his 7 years as an educator, whether teaching students in his ninth grade English, English Second Language, and International Baccalaureate Standard Level World Religion classes or serving as an adviser for the GHCHS Model United Nations—MUN—team, Mr. Mandell has helped countless students discover a love for learning.

At conferences across the Nation—from Berkeley MUN in California or across the country to Dartmouth MUN or National High School MUN in New York City—Mr. Mandell empowers his students to look beyond the walls of GHCHS to the world around them.

But back at home, for students at GHCHS, Mr. Mandell's classroom is where they feel most comfortable. Because of his unwavering empathy and passion for the subjects he teaches, his classroom has become a place for students to feel accepted, to feel part of a larger community, and to pursue their interests—wherever they might take them.

Today, on behalf of the students and the community he serves, we are grateful for the lifechanging dedication of Joshua Mandell.●

RECOGNIZING GREYLOCH LLC

• Mr. RISCH. Madam President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each month I recognize and celebrate the American entrepreneurial spirit by highlighting the success of a small business in my home State of Idaho. Today, I am pleased to honor Greyloch, LLC as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for May 2024.

Custom Oak Furnishing, a custom cabinet and furnishing shop, began in Shaun Fickes' father's garage in 1991. A few years later, Shaun renamed the business Greyloch Custom Cabinetry after a peak near Lowman, ID, where his grandfather worked as an Idaho forest ranger. Over 20 years, Greyloch grew from a two-man shop to more than 35 employees. In 2015, Shaun began to explore the potential for automation in the industry. While he visited manufacturing plants all over the world, his vision for a first-of-its-kind cabinet manufacturing facility in North America came to life. With a dream that became reality, Shaun rebranded once more to Greyloch, LLC, in anticipation of the unlimited potential for the company's growth.

Greyloch most recently opened a 96,909-square-foot advanced cabinet

manufacturing facility in Star, ID. The new facility provides opportunities to establish relationships with schools and educators about technical training. Facility tours shed light on the advancements of automation in manufacturing and insight into where the classroom meets the real world.

As a family-owned and operated business, Greyloch has made family a key aspect of its operations. Shaun's four children—Harrison Fickes, Brennon Fickes, Sydney Peel, and Tyler Moorhouse—grew up with Greyloch and now work full-time alongside their father. Shaun established a supportive work environment for his 73 employees and prioritizes the well-being of his employees who are proud of their work.

Congratulations to the Fickes and all the employees at Greyloch, LLC on their selection as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for May 2024. Thank you for serving Idaho as small business owners and entrepreneurs. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

TRIBUTE TO CHESCA BARNETT

• Mr. TUBERVILLE. Madam President, Chesca Barnett of Brierfield went to the U.S. Air Force Academy at age 17, thinking that she would one day become an astronaut. Little did she know that her time in the military would take her on a completely different career path. Due to some medical setbacks, Chesca was told she wouldn't be able to go to flight school, as she had originally planned. She recalls feeling devastated at having to give up on a dream she'd had since she was 6 years old.

This setback led her to discover an unexpected passion that would allow her to help those who need it most. A military career coach encouraged Chesca to become a pharmacy tech. She found that she loved the work. After 8 years in the military, Chesca began studying to become a pharmacist.

She chose to specialize in pediatrics because she believes our children deserve the best care available. And for the last 20 years, she has been serving as a pharmacist at Children's of Alabama. She also helps at Cooper Green Mercy Help Services.

A colleague at Children's said that Chesca is "an excellent pediatric pharmacist with a strong focus on patient safety and a team player who willingly shifts her schedule or comes in for extra shifts to ensure patients are taken care of."

Chesca feels she has a "duty" to serve, which she attributes to her time in the military. But her impact spans far beyond the medical field. Chesca also teaches courses at Jefferson State Community College and Samford University. There, she helps students who are facing personal challenges, reminding them that if she overcame her struggles, they can, too. Chesca is also a proud mom of four.